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FOLLOWING REPEAT BUENOS AIRES 4047 ACTION SECSTATE BRASILIA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 4047

ALSO FOR ERDA; NRC; USDOC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TECH, ENRG, PARM, GW, BR
SUBJECT: BRAZIL/FRG NUCLEAR ACCORD

REF: BRASILIA 4641 (NOTAL)

1. S&T COUNSELOR/ERDA SCIREP WILCOX HAPPENED BY CHANCE TO
ENCOUNTER BRAZILIAN CNEN MEMBER REX N. ALVES IN HOTEL LOBBY
IN SANTIAGO ON JUNE 10. ALVES WELL KNOWN TO WILCOX AS
PREVIOUS HEAD CNEN DOSIMETREY LAB WHEN WILCOX POSTED IN RIO
AS AEC SCIREP. ALVES WAS TRAVELLING AS MEMBER WSCOLA
SUPERIOR DE GUERRA CLASS AND VISITING NUCLEAR AND OTHER
FACILITIES ARGENTINA AND CHILE.

2. WHEN SUBJECT OF FRG/BRAZIL ACCORD CAME UP, ALVES CLAIMED
IGNORANCE OF RECENT NEGOTIATIONS (HE HAD LEFT RIO IN LATE
MAY) BUT DID MINIMIZE ITS IMPORTANCE. HE SEEMED THINK, IN
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FACT, THAT PERHAPS ONLY ONE REACTOR WOULD BE PURCHASED

AND THAT THERE WAS GOOD LIKELIHOOD 3RD REACTOR IN BRAZIL
MIGHT BE GENERAL ATOMIC HTGR*

3. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT ALVES AS CNEN MEMBER MAY
NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THINKING OF THOSE WHO ARE
CALLING SHOTS ON SUCH MATTERS IN BRAZIL TODAY. NONE-
THELESS, HE IS VERY CLOSE TO DE CARVALHO AND SHOULD BE
AWARE OF TREND OF DEVELOPMENTS AT NUCLEBRAS AS WELL.
WILCOX ALSO SENSES, FROM RECENT CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON,
THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE BILATERAL-TYPE UMBRELLA ONLY
AND THAT MUCH HARD NEGOTIATION REMAINS AHEAD ON EACH
AND EVERY SPECIFIC PROJECT REACTOR(S); ENRICHMENT PLANT;
CHEM PROCESSING PLANT, ETC. THAT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS WILL
BE SUCCESSFUL IS NO FOREGONE CONCLUSION WHATSOEVER
(AT LEAST IN OUR VIEW) AND BOTH USG AND U.S. SUPPLIERS
WOULD, WE THINK, BE WELL ADVISED TO KEEP THEIR EAR TO
THE GROUND FOR POSSIBLE OPENINGS AS TIME GOES BY. AS
ACTING ARGENTINE CNEA PRESIDENT BANCORA PUT IT IN
RECENT VERY GENERAL DISCUSSION RE THE JET NOZZLE-TYPE
ENRICHMENT PLANT, AND THINKING PROBABLY OF ATUCHA I ALSO,
IT SEEMS THAT THE GERMANS HAVE BECOME AWFULLY GOOD
AT SELLING UNPROVEN THINGS ABROAD WHICH THEY THEMSELVES
WOULD NOT BUILD AT HOME.

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